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Application Number	09/834,103
Filing Date	April 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	Aki Kitagawa et al.
Group Art Unit	1623
Examiner Name	Patrick T. Lewis
Attorney Docket Number	12372-002001

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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 - ☐ Other _____
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 8, 2003

In reply to the action mailed January 8, 2003, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 8 pages.

Enclosed is a check for the Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 12372-002001.

Respectfully submitted,

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